

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks. Claims 1, 3, 7, 12, 14, and 18 have previously been amended. Claims 23-27 were added. Currently, claims 1-27 are pending in the present application of which claims 1, 3, 7, 12, 14, 18, and 23 are independent. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-22 were allowed in the notice of allowance.

Newly Added Claims

Claims 23-27 have been added. Claims 23-27 include elements similar to the elements in claims 7-11 and therefore are allowable over the prior art of record for similar reasons. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 7-11.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 17-0026 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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